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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
John Roger SAMPSON) Art Unit: 1731
Application No. : 09/582,232) Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez
Filed : July 24, 2000)
For : SMOKING ARTICLES)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, EXTENSION OF TIME, AND
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2002 in the above-identified U.S. patent application, in which the time for response is hereby extended for one month, or until February 8, 2003 by the payment of the one month extension of time fee of \$110 (large entity) by the enclosed check No. 17720; and in which a Request For Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 is hereby made and the filing fee of \$750 (large entity) is also being paid by the enclosed check No. 17720, please amend the subject patent application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the application, as previously amended by the Amendment filed March 12, 2002, as follows:

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